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Reference: FCC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116,
98-170 and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

I am a Vietnam Veteran as well as a retired teacher who transports my disabled mother-in-law. I keep my phone mostly for on the road communications AS NEEDED; usually in case of EMERGENCY.

Also, I am currently purchasing a TracFone for my 87 year old Father to use when driving to town, out on his tractor, tending cows mostly in case of Emergency. His Verizon phone saved his life when he recently had a heart attack while out in the barn. However, since he only makes \$9,000 a year, he had to give it up.

I believe the TracFone will be affordable....IF you don't begin tampering with free-enterprise and require a rate increase here.

PLEASE.....THIS IS NOT FAIR....AND AS A PUBLIC COMMISSION, YOU SHOULD REALIZE THE POTENTIAL DAMAGE HERE.

Thank you for your consideration and time. (if you read this)

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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